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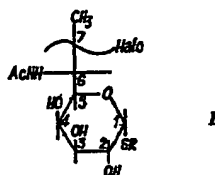


(54) LINCOMYCIN DERIVATIVES AND THE MANUFACTURE THEREOF

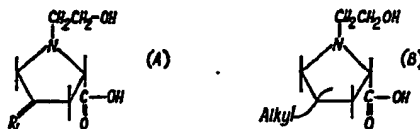
(71) We, THE UPJOHN COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, United States of America, of 301 Henrietta Street, Kalamazoo, State of Michigan, United States of America, do hereby declare the invention, for which we pray that a patent may be granted to us, and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement:—

This invention relates to novel compounds and to a process for preparing them and is particularly directed to 1'-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1'-demethylclindamycin (7-halo-7-deoxy-1'-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1'-demethylincomycin) and analogs thereof, as well as esters and ethers thereof, and to processes whereby they and like compounds are produced. These compounds have clindamycin-like antibacterial activity and can be used in a like manner. They, moreover, have improved Gram-negative activity and have lower mammalian toxicity.

The novel compounds of the invention can be represented by the following structural formula:



wherein Halo is chlorine, bromine, or iodine; R is alkyl of not more than 4 carbon atoms, to wit, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, sec.butyl, and tert.butyl, or 2-hydroxyethyl, and Ac is the acyl radical of an L-2-pyrrolidinecarboxylic acid of the formulas:



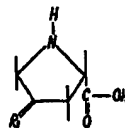
wherein R₁ is alkylidene of not more than 8 carbon atoms (including methylene) and alkyl contains from 1 to 8 carbon atoms inclusive. Any or all of the 2-, 3-, and 4-hydroxyl groups can be esterified or etherified.

Examples of alkyl of not more than 8 carbon atoms are methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl, hexyl, heptyl, octyl, and the isomeric forms thereof. Examples of alkylidene groups (R₁) include methylene, ethylidene, propylidene, butylidene, pentylidene, hexylidene, heptylidene, and octylidene, and the isomeric forms thereof.

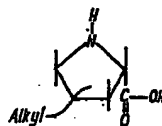
The novel compounds of the invention, Formulas IA and IB, (Formulas IA and IB are Formula I where Ac is the acyl of acids A and B respectively) can be prepared

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by N-alkylating with a 2-hydroxyethyl alkylating agent a 1'-demethylclindamycin or analog thereof of Formula I where Ac is the acyl radical of a 4-substituted-L-2-pyrrolidinecarboxylic acid of the formulas:



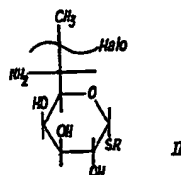
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BD

The preparation of compounds of Formula IAB and Formula IBD is disclosed in U.S. Patents 3,496,163 and 3,502,648.

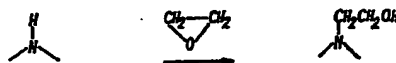
An alternative process is to alkylate acids AD and BD to form acids A and B and to acylate a compound of the formula:



II

with the acids A and B. The preparation of compounds of Formula II is also disclosed in U.S. Patent 3,502,648. The acylation of the compounds of Formula II with acids AD and BD can be effected by the procedure of the above-noted patents, wherein a mixed anhydride with isobutyrylchloroformate is used as the acylating agent.

The N-alkylation of compounds of Formula IAD or Formula IBD, or of the acids AD or BD is effected by reacting the starting compound with ethylene oxide. The starting material, advantageously as the hydrochloride acid addition salt, is heated with the ethylene oxide, preferably in a pressure vessel, in which the reaction proceeds as follows:



The reaction mixture after cooling is worked up in the usual manner using such procedures as distillation, solvent extraction, crystallization and the like.

The proportions are not critical but an excess of ethylene oxide is desirable. An excess of from 2 to 100 times the stoichiometric amount is suitable. The temperature also is not critical. At temperatures below 35°C., however, the reaction is undesirably slow and ordinarily it will not be necessary or desirable to exceed about 200°C. The reaction proceeds well at 100°C.

Advantageously the reaction is carried out in an inert mutual solvent for the reactants. Suitable such solvents include methyl alcohol, ethyl alcohol, propyl alcohol, benzene, toluene, cyclohexane, and tetrahydrofuran.

Alternatively the alkylation can be effected by a reductive alkylation such as described in U.S. Patent 3,496,163, Part G1-4, by substituting the formaldehyde (formalin) by hydroxyacetaldehyde.

Any or all of the 2-, 3-, and 4-hydroxy groups can be esterified before the reaction, for example with hydrocarbon carboxylic acids, advantageously of not more than 18 carbon atoms, or halo-, nitro-, hydroxy-, amino-, cyano-, thiocyno-, or alkoxy sub-

stituted hydrocarbon carboxylic acids, advantageously also of not more than 18 carbon atoms. These acylates also have antibacterial activity.

- 5 Examples of carboxylic acid acyl radicals are the acyl radicals of the following acids: (a) saturated or unsaturated, straight or branched chain aliphatic carboxylic acids, for example acetic, propionic, butyric, isobutyric, tert-butylacetic, valeric, iso-
valeric, caprioc, caprylic, decanoic, dodecanoic, tridecoic, myristic, pentadecanoic, palmitic, margaric, stearic, acrylic, crotonic, undecylenic, oleic, hexynoic, heptynoic, and octynoic acids, (b) saturated or unsaturated, alicyclic carboxylic acids, for example,
10 cyclobutanecarboxylic acid, cyclopentanecarboxylic acid, cyclopentenecarboxylic acid, methylcyclopentenecarboxylic acid, cyclohexanecarboxylic acid, dimethylcyclohexene-
carboxylic acid, and dipropylcyclohexanecarboxylic acid, (c) saturated or unsaturated, alicyclic aliphatic carboxylic acids, for example, cyclopentaneacetic acid, cyclopentane-
propionic acid, cyclohexanebutyric acid, and methylcyclohexaneacetic acid, (d) aromatic
15 carboxylic acids, for example, benzoic acid, toluic acid, naphthoic acid, ethylbenzoic acid, isobutylbenzoic acid, and methylbutylbenzoic acid, and (e) aromatic-aliphatic
carboxylic acids, for example, phenylacetic acid, phenylpropionic acid, phenylvaleric acids, cinnamic acid, phenylpropionic acid and naphthylacetic acid. Suitable halo-,
nitro-, hydroxy-, amino-, cyano-, thiocyno-, and lower alkoxyhydrocarbon carboxylic
20 acids include hydrocarbon carboxylic acids as given above which are substituted by one or more of halogen, nitro, hydroxy, amino, cyano, or thiocyno, containing a total of
not more than 18 carbon atoms, or alkoxyhydrocarbon carboxylic acids of not more
than 18 carbon atoms. Suitable such alkoxy groups include methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy,
butoxy, amyloxy, hexyloxy, dodecyloxy, hexadecyloxy, and isomeric forms thereof.
25 Examples of such substituted hydrocarbon carboxylic acids are mono-, di-, and tri-
chloroacetic acid; α - and β -chloropropionic acid; α - and γ -bromobutyric acid; α - and
 β -iodovaleric acid; mevalonic acid; 2- and 4-chlorocyclohexanecarboxylic acid; shikimic
acid; 2-nitro-1-methylcyclobutanecarboxylic acid; 1,2,3,4,5,6-hexachlorocyclohexane-
carboxylic acid; 3-bromo-2-methylcyclohexanecarboxylic acid; 4- and 5-bromo-2-
30 methylcyclohexanecarboxylic acid; 5- and 6-bromo-2-methylcyclohexanecarboxylic acid;
2,3-dibromo-2-methylcyclohexanecarboxylic acid; 2,5-dibromo-2-methylcyclohexane-
carboxylic acid; 4,5-dibromo-2-methylcyclohexanecarboxylic acid; 5,6-dibromo-2-
methylcyclohexanecarboxylic acid; 3-bromo-3-methylcyclohexanecarboxylic acid; 6-
bromo-3-methylcyclohexanecarboxylic acid; 1,6-dibromo-3-methylcyclohexanecarb-
35 oxylic acid; 2-bromo-4-methylcyclohexanecarboxylic acid; 1,2-dibromo-4-methylcyclo-
hexanecarboxylic acid; 3-bromo-2,2,3-trimethylcyclopentanecarboxylic acid; 1-bromo-
3,5-dimethylcyclohexanecarboxylic acid; homogenisic acid, *o*-, *m*-, and *p*-chlorobenzoic
acid; anisic acid; salicylic acid; *p*-hydroxybenzoic acid; β -resorcylic acid; gallic acid;
veratric acid; trimethoxybenzoic acid; trimethoxycinnamic acid; 4,4'-dichlorobenzilic
40 acid; *o*-, *m*-, and *p*-nitrobenzoic acid; cyanoacetic acid; 3,4- and 3,5-dinitrobenzoic
acid; 2,4,6-trinitrobenzoic acid; thiocyanacetic acid; cyanopropionic acid; and lactic
acid. Examples of such alkoxyhydrocarbon carboxylic acids are ethoxyformic acid
(ethyl hydrogen carbonate); butyloxyformic acid; pentyloxyformic acid; hexyloxyformic
acid; dodecyloxyformic acid; and hexadecyloxyformic acid.
45 They can also be esterified after the reaction but in that case the hydroxy group
of the 2-hydroxyethyl group is also esterified. In fact, by using an equimolar amount, or
less, of the esterifying agent a 1'-(2-acyloxyethyl)-1'-demethylclindamycin or analog
thereof can be obtained without the 2-, 3-, or 4-hydroxy groups being acylated. The
monoacylates thus obtained also have clindamycin-like antibacterial activity and can
50 be used in a like manner.
Any or all of the 2-, 3-, and 4-hydroxy groups can also be etherified, for example,
with alkyl, advantageously of not more than 20 carbon atoms; cycloalkyl, advantageously
of from 3 to not more than 12 carbon atoms; or ylidene (e.g., 3,4-O-ylidene) group for
example alkylidene, advantageously of not more than 20 carbon atoms and aralkylidene
55 and vinyls thereof, advantageously of not more than 12 carbon atoms. These ethers
also have antibacterial activity. Examples of alkylidene are given above and examples
of aralkylidene are furfurylidene, 5-methylfurfurylidene, benzylidene, *m*-tolylidene, *o*-
tolylidene, *p*-tolylidene, *o*-chlorobenzylidene, *m*-chlorobenzylidene, *m*-bromobenzyl-
idene, *p*-bromobenzylidene, *p*-methoxybenzylidene, *m*-methoxybenzylidene, *o*-methoxy-
benzylidene, 3,4-dimethoxybenzylidene, salicylidene, *p*-hydroxybenzylidene, 3,4,5-tri-
60 methoxybenzylidene, piperonylidene, *o*-nitrobenzylidene, *p*-chlorobenzylidene, *m*-nitro-
benzylidene, *p*-nitrobenzylidene and β -naphthylidene, 2,4-dichlorobenzylidene, 3-meth-
oxy-4-hydroxybenzylidene, terephthylidene, 3,4-dihydroxybenzylidene, and cinna-
mylidene.
65 The compounds of Formulas IA and IB exist either in the protonated or non-
protonated forms according to the pH of the environment. When the protonated form

is intended, the compound is qualified as an acid-addition salt and when the non-protonated form is intended it is qualified as the free base. The free bases can be converted to stable acid-addition salts by neutralizing the free base with the appropriate acid to below pH 7.0, and advantageously to pH 2 to pH 6. Suitable acids for this purpose include hydrochloric, sulfuric, phosphoric, thiocyanic, fluosilicic, hexafluoro-arsenic, hexafluorophosphoric, acetic, succinic, citric, lactic, maleic, fumaric, pantoic, cholic, palmitic, mucic, camphoric, glutaric, glycolic, phthalic, tartaric, lauric, stearic, salicylic, 3-phenylsalicylic, 5-phenylsalicylic, 3-methylglutaric, orthosulfobenzoic, cyclopentanepropionic, 1,2-cyclohexanedicarboxylic, 4-cyclohexanecarboxylic, octadecenylsuccinic, octenylsuccinic, methanesulfonic, benzenesulfonic, helianthic, Reinecke's, dimethyldithiocarbamic, cyclohexylsulfamic, hexadecylsulfamic, octadecylsulfamic, sorbic, monochloroacetic, undecylenic, 4'-hydroxyazobenzene-4-sulfonic, octyldecyl-sulfuric, picric, benzoic, and cinnamic.

The acid-addition salts can be used for the same purposes as the free base or they can be employed to upgrade the same. For example, the base base can be converted to an insoluble salt, such as the picrate, which can be subjected to purification procedures, for example, solvent extractions and washings, chromatography, fractional liquid-liquid extractions, and crystallization and then used to regenerate the free base form by treatment with alkali or to make a different salt by metathesis. Or the free base can be converted to a water-soluble salt, such as the hydrochloride or sulfate and the aqueous solution of the salt extracted with various water-immiscible solvents before regenerating the free base form by treatment of the thus-extracted acid solution or converted to another salt by metathesis. The free bases of Formulas IA and IB make good vehicles for toxic acids. For example, the fluosilicic acid addition salts are useful as moth-proofing agents according to U.S. Patents 1,915,334 and 2,075,359 and the hexafluoro-arsenic acid and hexafluorophosphoric acid addition salts are useful as parasiticides according to U.S. Patents 3,122,536 and 3,122,552. The thiocyanic acid addition salt when condensed with formaldehyde forms resinous materials useful as pickling inhibitors according to U.S. Patents 2,425,320 and 2,606,155.

The close analog of clindamycin, i.e., where alkyl is *cis* or *trans* alkyl of not more than 8 carbon atoms and R is methyl, ethyl, or 2-hydroxyethyl, have antibacterial properties, and some are comparable or superior to lincomycin and can be used for the same purpose as lincomycin. The other analogues and isomers have similar antibacterial properties and can be used for the same purposes as lincomycin where larger amounts are not objectionable.

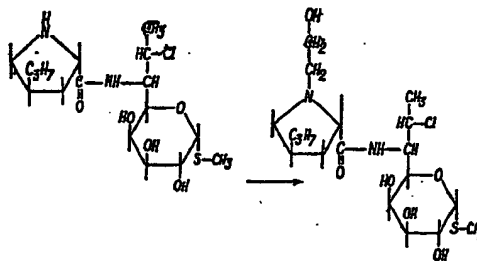
Accordingly the present invention provides an antibacterial composition comprising as the active ingredient a compound of the invention together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Having regard to the provisions of Section 9 of the Patents Act 1949 attention is drawn to British Patent Specifications Nos. 1,247,612; 1,140,833 and 1,140,663.

The following examples are illustrative of the process and products of the present invention but are not to be construed as limiting. The parts and percentages are by weight and the solvent ratios are by volume unless otherwise specified.

Example 1

1'-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-1'-demethylclindamycin



A mixture of 10 g. of 1'-dimethylclindamycin · HCl, 100 ml. of ethyl alcohol and 50 ml. of ethylene oxide was sealed in a pressure flask and heated at 100°C. for one hour. The flask was then cooled to 0°C. and opened and the reaction mixture evaporated under vacuum to give a viscous amber oil. The oil was dissolved in 200 ml. of H₂O, and the pH adjusted to 10 with aqueous KOH solution. Extraction with

CHCl₃, following by evaporation of the extracts gave about 10 g. of crude product. This material was purified via chromatography over silica gel using a solvent system composed of ethyl acetate:acetone:water (8:5:1) for elution. The product fractions were identified by thin layer chromatography, combined, and evaporated to give 2.0 g. of 1'-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1'-demethylclindamycin.

Analysis:

Calcd. for C₁₇H₂₅ClN₂O₆S:

C, 50.15; H, 7.75; N, 6.16; S, 7.05; Cl, 7.79.

Found:

C, 50.13; H, 7.69; N, 6.26; S, 6.82; Cl, 8.08.

[α]_D²⁵ CHCl₃ -25°

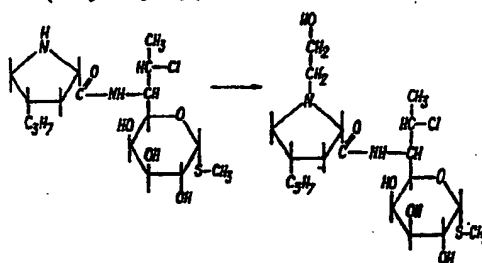
Activity (*in vitro*, as the hydrochloride):

Ca. 1×clindamycin—Gram-positive bacteria

Ca. 2×clindamycin—Gram-negative bacteria

Example 2

1'-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-1'-demethyl-*cis*-clindamycin



This reaction was carried out in the same manner as Example 1 using as starting material the appropriate *cis* isomer. A yield of 1.1 g. of 1'-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1'-demethyl-*cis*-clindamycin was obtained.

Analysis:

Calcd. for C₁₇H₂₅ClN₂O₆S:

C, 50.15; H, 7.75; N, 6.16; S, 7.05; Cl, 7.79.

Found:

C, 49.94; H, 7.81; N, 6.51; S, 6.87; Cl, 7.80.

[α]_D²⁵ CHCl₃ +156°

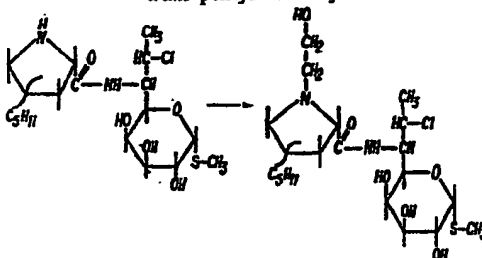
Activity (*in vitro*, as the hydrochloride):

Ca. 0.2×clindamycin Gram-positive bacteria

> 1×clindamycin vs Gram-negative

Example 3

1'-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-1'-demethyl-4'-depropyl-4'-*cis*- and *trans*-pentylclindamycin



This reaction was carried out in the same manner as Example 1 using as starting material 1'-demethyl-4'-depropyl-4'-*cis*/*trans*-pentylclindamycin (Example 10 of U.S. Patent 2,496,163). A yield of 5.0 g. of 1'-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1'-demethyl-4'-depropyl-4'-*cis*/*trans*-pentylclindamycin was obtained.

Analysis:

Calcd. for $C_{21}H_{29}ClN_2O_6S$:

C, 52.21; H, 8.14; N, 5.80; S, 6.64; Cl, 7.34.

Found:

C, 52.16; H, 8.17; N, 5.83; S, 6.60; Cl, 7.32.

5 $[\alpha]_D^{CHCl_3} +154^\circ$

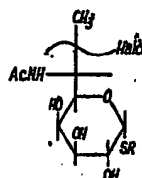
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Activity (*in vitro*, as the hydrochloride):

Ca. 2×clindamycin vs Gram-negative bacteria

WHAT WE CLAIM IS:—

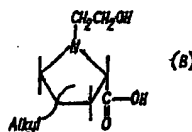
1. A process for making compounds of the formula:



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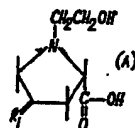
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in which any or all of the 2-, 3-, 4-hydroxy groups can be esterified or etherified, Halo is chlorine, bromine, or iodine, R is alkyl of not more than 4 carbon atoms or 2-hydroxyethyl, and Ac is the acyl radical of an L-2-pyrrolidinecarboxylic acid of the formulas:



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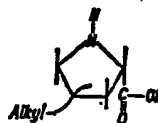
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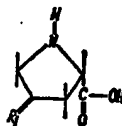
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wherein R_1 is an alkylidene group of not more than 8 carbon atoms and alkyl contains 1 to 8 carbon atoms inclusive which comprises N-alkylating a compound of Formula I, any or all of the 2-, 3-, and 4-hydroxy groups of which can be esterified or etherified, wherein Halo and R are as above and Ac is the acyl of an L-2-pyrrolidinecarboxylic acid of the formula:

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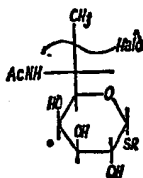
with a 2-hydroxyethyl alkylating agent, R_1 being as given above.

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The process of claim 1 in which the alkylation is effected with ethylene oxide.

3. The process of claim 1 in which the alkylation is effected by reductive alkylation with 2-hydroxyacetaldehyde.

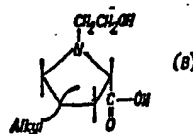
4. A compound of the formula:



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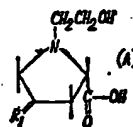
and the esters, ethers and acid addition salts thereof wherein Halo is chlorine, bromine, or iodine, R is alkyl of not more than 4 carbon atoms or 2-hydroxyalkyl, and Ac is the acyl radical of an L-2-pyrrolidinecarboxylic acid of the formula:



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or

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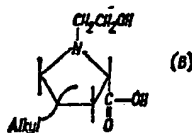


wherein R₁ is alkylidene of not more than 8 carbon atoms and alkyl contains 1 to 8 carbon atoms inclusive.

5. A compound or acid addition salt thereof according to claim 4 wherein Halo is chlorine, R is methyl, and Ac is the acyl of an L-2-pyrrolidinecarboxylic acid of the formula:

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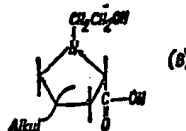


wherein alkyl is propyl.

6. A compound or acid addition salt thereof according to claim 4 wherein Halo is chlorine, R is methyl and Ac is the acyl of an L-2-pyrrolidinecarboxylic acid of the formula:

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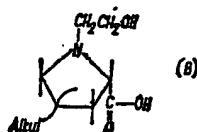
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wherein alkyl HR₁ is *trans* propyl.

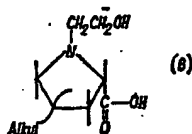
7. A compound or acid addition salt thereof according to claim 4 wherein Halo

is chlorine, R is methyl, and Ac is the acyl of an L-2-pyrrolidinecarboxylic acid of the formula:



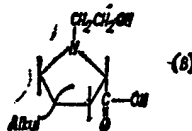
wherein alkyl is pentyl.

- 5 8. A compound or acid addition salt thereof according to claim 4 wherein Halo is chlorine in the (S) configuration, R is methyl and Ac is the acyl of an L-2-pyrrolidinecarboxylic acid of the formula:



wherein alkyl is *trans* propyl.

- 10 9. A compound or acid addition salt thereof according to claim 4 wherein Halo is chlorine in the (S) configuration, R is methyl and Ac is the acyl of an L-2-pyrrolidinecarboxylic acid of the formula:



wherein alkyl is pentyl.

- 15 10. A process for the preparation of a compound as claimed in any of claims 4 to 9 substantially as herein described with reference to the Examples.
11. A compound as claimed in any of claims 4 to 9 when prepared by a process as claimed in claims 1 to 3 or 10.
20 12. An antibacterial composition comprising as the active ingredient a compound as claimed in any of claims 4 to 9 or 11 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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